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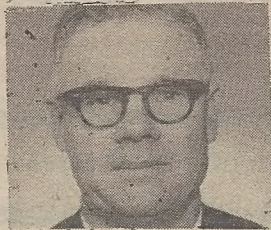
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SOCCER POOLS TIPS

SOCCER POOLS

by Jock Stephen



Carve yourself a slice of the dollar turkey on October 26 by testing these NAP BETS among other likely draws with some of your own fancy. I particularly like the following: Derby v Middlesborough, Bristol City v Notts County, Bournemouth v Charlton, Darlington v Lincoln and Dundee United v Dumbarton. Others worth consideration are Arsenal v West Ham (local derby), Notts Forest v Bristol Rovers, Gillingham v Brighton, Walsall v Blackburn and Rockdale v Newport.

I hope my seven draws on October 12 assisted you to a dividend, and that these notes help you by avoiding the most unlikely draws on the coupon. My information is exclusive to Soccer Week. Good luck.

IN HOROSCOPIA

Peter Osgood of Southampton, late of Chelsea, is a Piscean (born between February 20 and March 20). Those born under the sign of Pisces have a very good team spirit. They make good public performers, because they like to have an audience, but they are very prone to stage fright. However, as soon as they are in the limelight their jitters are forgotten. The lucky stone is the Moonstone.

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Two snippets from Edinburgh — The question of who will manage Hearts, will not be solved overnight, in fact a new manager will not be appointed till much later this month. The successor to Bobby Keith will require to have magic powers to lift that two points up to a respectable middle of the table total. Meadowbank Thistle, the new club in Second Division, have gained their first points in the Scottish League by defeating Brechin City by one goal to nil at Brechin. Their next games are St. Mirren — home, Queens Park — away, Falkirk — home, Berwick Rangers — away, Hamilton — home, so they could pick up three points at least out of those five games. Incidentally, goalkeeper Grey of Meadowbank is reported to have performed in masterly style,

and Willie Ormond, Scotland's manager, could be making the short trip from Musselburgh to Meadowbank to look Grey over as a future Scotland goalkeeper.

THE SEVEN YEAR ITCH (STITCH)

How long does a top footballer hold his top? That is the talking point in England at present, the reason being the slump of so many teams from riches to rags in five easy seasons. Most of the champion teams of seven years ago, who are now floundering at or near the bottom of the First Division. Take Arsenal first, who won the double in 1971 League and Cup, they still have seven of the 1971 team, so they cannot be giving the service of only three years ago, or they would not be on the bottom of the ladder at present.

Spurs in 1971 finished third in the League and won the League Cup, still have seven of their stalwarts of the 1968-69 season. Losing Bill Nicholson wouldn't help them either. Chelsea have also lost their manager recently, but the general opinion seems to be, that with eight of the present team included in the team of five years back, a dash of new blood would give them more dash today. The other side of the penny shows Liverpool with only three old players still active, and

no doubt they will not be retained too much longer. Burnley, 3rd in the league in 1967, were relegated five years after whilst still retaining six of their old squad. Burnley's comeback to First Division last season saw nine new players for them to finish up in sixth position. Leeds United still have six players from five years ago, and overlooking their lack of players from injury and other causes their present position of 15th suggests some infusion of new blood would prove beneficial. So that stitch in time could be the answer to the London trios problems.

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The mark of a fine coach was seen in the excellent play from Park Rangers in the semi-final of the Federation Cup at Altona. Although defeated by Frankston 1-0, it was a fine display. Coach Ken Maxwell was unfortunately in hospital that day, but he would have been pleased to see how well his boys carried out his instructions.

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A new Puskas has arisen: Hans Szabo, a new light on the Hungarian horizon, has been scoring well for Ferencvaros. I hear he got five goals in one match just recently. So it's look out Liverpool when you meet Ferencvaros in the European Cup Winners Cup later on this month.

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Blanko Bidinic, manager of the Zaire World Cup team was sacked last week, but he must be getting used to it, because in 1970 he was manager of the Moroccan World Cup team which made it to the finals on that occasion, only to find that he was out of a job shortly after.

HERE IS ONE GOOD REASON

One of many good reasons for the popularity of the English Football Association Cup tournament is that it is such an open competition. Indeed one has to go back to the last century to find a team winning the trophy in successive years. That was in 1890 and 1891 when Blackburn Rovers achieved its fourth and fifth triumph in the final. A remarkable fact is at the other three were gained in consecutive years in the previous decade. Football, however, was only in its infancy then. The Football League had not been formed. At this stage, let us take a look at the Victorian AND the Australian scene in general. Had the Football

Association conducted their now famous F.A. Cup on Victorian lines, it would NOT have become the world-wide attraction it now is. Had Tottenham Hotspur objected to playing Chesterfield in the second Round of the Cup, you can bet your last dollar that there would not be the interest taken in later rounds and the Final. The standard has been set by the National Associations all over the world. WHY is Victoria so very different, or are they like the ostrich and put their heads in the sand? The time has come now to look around at the vast improvement in Metropolitan League standards, not overlooking some clubs in District League, to see that some of those early rounds — could and would provide some very fine exhibitions of the skill.

So give a thought to putting the interest back in soccer by reverting to the former method of bringing in the top leagues into the 2nd Round whilst there is still some INTEREST FOR ALL CLUBS. It has been said that this method is out of date, but the thinkers among us all know that Cup-ties played every three weeks in mid-season give us a relief from the stress of League matches. So what about the alert and lively Clubs doing something for the game, whilst the State League Clubs go into their annual extension of a normal season. Let's cease being ostriches and give the game of games the shot in the arm it needs.

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BITS AND PIECES

The British Pools firms have been gradually fading out all the familiar 12 Results, 4 Draws, Simple Six etc., which provided a change from the sterner stuff of the Treble Chance and its magical six figure dividends. This has created such an outcry in protest that the pools companies could be having second thoughts. Thousands of people resented losing these minor competitions, so some of them may be retained. But only as far as the U.K. is concerned. In other words, for home consumption only.

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The Foreign Legion are certainly in Greece this season: There are 21 foreign players playing there, 14 from South Africa, the other 7 are from European countries. On the managerial side of things there are 12 foreign managers, 3 of them from England.

ANOTHER SCOTTISH WORLD CUP STAR

Life has changed on and off the field since the night of the lean figure of Coventry's Tom Hutchison became the toast of Hampden in Scotland's 2-1 victory against Czechoslovakia. It not only assured Scotland of a place in the World Cup finals but transformed Hutch into a national hero.

And now everyone, friend and foe, recognises the gangling Hutchison

as a world class players of enormous ability. Off the field he is accorded super-star treatment and on the park he is now given the compliment of being one of the most closely marked players in England. Willie Ormond, Scotland's manager, says, "What a difference these months have made to Tommy Hutchison. Before he got his first Scottish cap against the Czechs only one player was left to shadow him. Not now. When Hutch is on the ball he is usually ringed by two or three defenders. And still causes panic."

Ormond is convinced that Hutchison can become one of Scotland's International mainstays of the future. Coventry's general manager, Joe Mercer, in agreeing with Ormond, said, "I rate Hutchison one of the most exciting players in Britain today. Every time he gets possession you can almost hear the anticipation of the fans. He is a brilliant ball player and Tommy's consistency of performance is quite remarkable."

Hutchison has an educated left foot reminiscent of ex-Ranger Jim Baxter at his best — and no player in a dark blue jersey could be bestowed with a greater accolade.

His greatest asset is his self assurance in taking on his man. "Hutchison's confidence is growing with every game and as a matter of fact he is almost getting cocky with it now," declares Joe Mercer.

For Scotland, Hutchison does perhaps less work on the ball but his freerunning at defences is very much part of Scotland's success.

Perhaps it is more than a coincidence that Tom Hutchison began his senior career with Alloa — the same little Second Division Scottish side that gave John White, the former Spurs idol at White Hart Lane and respected as one of the most gifted players in modern football, a start.

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This trite old saying has a new application for today, with the arrival of the Soccer Pools. You can begin at 40 cents alright, and continue on right up the scale to the highest system. With 40 mates sharing the cost of System 6, they could be in it with ALL the extra cover which 12,870 winning chances can give. And all for 80 cents, or twice the magic number 40. System 3 costs \$3.20, so with eight mates you have 1287 winning chances, all for the magic figure of 40 cents. With System 5 your 39 mates (and you) will have 6,435 all for that magical 40 cents.

Now Northampton v Swansea is match number 40 on the first All-Australian coupon, so if you give it very close attention in your System for October 26 it could very well be a good omen. At least you have the knowledge that each team has already had two draws and they are so

close on the ladder. These factors are the ones to look for in assessing the matches with the best potential, to give yourself a better chance. Of course, there is always the shock results to provide for too, and these can be the ones to lay on that magnificent SIX FIGURE dividend. So life begins at 40 — let's say 40,000 dollars for starters. I wish you well.

AMATEUR SOCCER IN BRITAIN

Although Britain's amateur soccer standards relative to those reached by international teams of other countries have fallen in recent years, Britain remains the only country to have won an Olympic medal three times. These successes were in 1900, 1908 and 1912.

The most capped amateur for England is Mike Pinner, the well remembered Pegasus club goalkeeper who won 51 caps between seasons 1955 and 1963. The Pegasus club was a joint team of Oxford and Cambridge Universities. In 1963 Pinner turned professional, and played for Leyton Orient.

The highest attendances ever recorded for an amateur match was the remarkable figure of 100,000 — the approved capacity at the Amateur Football Association Cup Final at Wembley on the 21st of April, 1951, when Pegasus beat Bishop Auckland.

The club with the greatest number of Amateur Cup victories is Bishop Auckland who have won this trophy 10 times between 1896 and 1957. This coming year we will be without the Amateur Cup, as the Football Association has dispensed with this competition.

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Before this copy gets to print, the news could break that Sir Alf Ramsey has accepted the position of manager of the famous Arsenal club, and who would not say 'Good Luck' to a thorough sportsman when this happens. The once proud Arsenal will need shrewd handling to lift their morale from the bottom of Division One.

POOLS RESULTS

British Soccer pools results for last Saturday's games:

English Division One: Arsenal 2, Queens Park Rangers 2; Brunley 2, Manchester City 1; Chelsea 1, Tottenham Hotspur 0; Coventry City 1, West Ham United 1; Derby County 1, Leicester City 0; Ipswich Town 0, Leeds United 0; Liverpool 2, Middlesbrough 0; Luton Town 1, Birmingham City 3; Newcastle United 2, Stoke City 2; Sheffield United 2, Everton 2; Wolverhampton Wanderers 2, Carlisle United 0.

English Division Two: Aston Villa 1, Blackburn 0; Bristol City 1, Sunderland 1; Cardiff City 0, West Bromwich Albion 2; Hull City 2, Bolton Wanderers 0; Manchester United 1, Notts County 0; Millwall 4, Southampton 0; Nottingham Forest 1, Norwich City 3; Orient 3,

Oldham Athletic 1; Oxford United 1, Sheffield Wednesday 0; Portsmouth 0, Fulham 0; York City 3, Bristol Rovers 0.

English Division Three: Bournemouth 4, Crystal Palace 0; Bury 2, Charlton Athletic 1; Chesterfield 1, Blackburn Rovers 2; Gillingham 2, Hereford United 3; Halifax Town 0, Swindon Town 0; Huddersfield Town 1, Brighton and Hove Albion 0; Peterborough United 1, Watford 0; Port Vale 2, Plymouth Argyle 0; Preston North End 0, Colchester United 2; Wrexham 2, Grimsby Town 3.

English Division Four: Bradford City 2, Doncaster Rovers 0; Brentford 1, Lincoln City 1; Crewe Alexandra 1, Newport County 2; Darlington 0, Barnsley 0; Exeter City 1, Swansea City 2; Hartlepool 0, Torquay United 0; Reading 1, Shrewsbury Town 2; Rochdale 1, Rotherham United 2; Scunthorpe United 2, Cambridge United 0; Worthington 1, Mansfield Town 3.

Scottish Division One: Aberdeen 3, Ayr United 0; Airdrieonians 0, Clyde 3; Celtic 1, Arbroath 0; Dundee United 5, Hearts 0; Dunfermline Athletic 1, Rangers 6; Hibernian 6, Motherwell 2; Kilmarnock 1, Dundee 1; Morton 1, St. Johnstone 1; Partick Thistle 2, Dumbarton 1.

Scottish Division Two: Alloa 0, Cowdenbeath 0; Berwick Rangers 2, Albion Rovers 0; Brechin City 0, Meadowbank 1; Clydebank 1, Montrose 1; Falkirk 1, Queen of the South 2; Forfar Athletic 0, Stenhousemuir 3; Hamilton Academicals 3, East Stirling 4; Raith Rovers 2, Queens Park 2; St. Mirren 0, East Fife 3; Stranraer 1, Stirling Albion 2.

LIVERPOOL ON TOP IN UK

LONDON: In the latest round of British soccer matches, Liverpool, F.A. cup champions and favorites to take out both the Cup and the English League trophy this season, have moved to the top of the table.

The Merseysiders beat newly-promoted Middlesbrough 2-0 to share the lead with Ipswich Town, who had a 0-0 draw with league champions Leeds United.

Tottenham Hotspur slumped to the bottom of the first division following a 1-0 loss to fellow London club, Chelsea.

In the second division Manchester United continued their winning streak with a 1-0 victory over Notts County, to stay firmly at the top of the table in the club's bid to make it back to the top grade.

In Scotland there was no change at the top of Division One with leading contenders Rangers, Celtic and Hibernian all winning.

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REPORTS

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Climax of the Metropolitan Soccer season came when the Federation Cup Final was decided at Middle Park Stadium, last Saturday.

Neither participant had won the trophy before so there was bound to be a new name on the cup.

Pryde Daperis and Clark were involved in remarkable efforts, which finally put Albion in front, after 30 minutes' play.

Pryde ripped in a glorious shot, which Papoutsakis did well to save. Daperis hit the cross-bar with the rebound and Clark picked his spot to finally slot the ball home.

Just before half-time, Chadwick made another great attempt to score for Frankston, but Harnwell was sound.

The second half followed the same pattern as the first.

It was all action and in the first minute Norrie Campbell hit the cross-bar followed by Daperis hitting the top of the post at the other end.

Chadwick again slipped past the tenacious Hugh Donnelly to feed a superb pass to Trevor Parry. Parry missed badly with a hurried shot.

Pryde was instrumental in setting up many Albion attacks and he finally put them in a winning position with a glorious goal, after 64 minutes. He weaved his way past Ryko Bjelica and Richard Parry before beating a diving groping Papoutsakis at the second attempt.

Two minutes later, the first really rough foul brought an unexpected goal to Frankston. Graham Clamp took the kick and placed it perfectly for Bob Adams to head a five goal. Billy Papoutsakis and Wilf Chadwick were Frankston's best players.

For Albion, John Pryde, Billy Doggett and Hugh Donnelly were outstanding, with Jimmy Daperis, Billy Rae, Nigel Bridgeman and Stan Foster, not far behind.

Apart from a Third Division championship several years ago, this was Albion's first major trophy victory and they deserved it. Frankston ran them close, but blew their victory chance in the second half, with too much concentration on defence when the state of the game cried out for 100 per cent attack.

Before the game, the Metropolitan Best and Fairest medals were

presented to Ian Hynds (Div. 1), Alan Stenhouse (Div. 2), Alan Lenders (Div. 3) and Demetrios Svingios (Div. 4).

Albion emerged victors and probably deserved it because they were a trifle more polished, but it was desperately close and Frankston might at least have drawn level.

A curious second half substitution was hard to follow.

Wilf Chadwick appeared Frankston's most likely scoring forward. The side was 1-2 down and Chadwick was taken off, for Keith Grainger, basically a defender, to be brought on.

It appeared the obvious move at that stage of the game, for Frankston to throw everything into attack, but they plodded on with three men up front and little likelihood of breaking through Albion's defensive cover. From the start, Frankston moved into attack and a neat flick by Peter Avent flashed narrowly wide.

Albion soon retaliated and a Tow Clark effort was cleverly tipped over by Billy Papoutsakis, Frankston's brilliant goalkeeper.

Albion made a number of dangerous thrusts, usually initiated by John Pryde, with Jimmy Daperis and Stan Foster going close.

Nigel Bridgeman was always prepared to shoot and Billy Rae worked effectively from a deep laying position.

When Peter Avent broke through down the right, his final pass found Chadwick's head and the lively young forward's leader hit the angle of post and cross-bar and was cleared.

Another Frankston attack, following a Bobby Adams free-kick almost brought a goal. Norrie Campbell challenged Albion keeper Derek Harnwell and the ball ran loose towards goal. Billy Doggett, who played a great game, dashed back and belted the ball for a corner, narrowly missing his own goal in the process.

The Rothman auditorium presented a glittering spectacle last Friday evening, as representatives of all facets of Soccer in Victoria gathered for the counting of votes, to determine the winner of the State's Top Soccer Award.

As well as the Soccer people, members of the media, including Morrie Kirby and Tony Charlton were there and special guest Mr. R. J. Hawke. Mr. Hawke was principal speaker and

presented the award to Pat Bannon of Fitzroy United Alexander S.C.

He said that to his knowledge, no other top sporting award in Australia had been won by brothers, certainly not in successive years.

Last year, Pat's brother, Vince, won the gold medal.

Former VSF president Sir David Hill-Wood, making a flying business trip to Australia, was also present. He spoke to the gathering, emphasising the need to give every possible bit of attention and help to juniors, as that is where the game's future lays.

Mr. Hawke, replying to Mr. Theo Marmaras, said with obvious sincerity, that if he could be of any help to Australian Soccer when overseas, he would most certainly do anything he could.

Mr. Wallace drew attention to the runner up, Jan McCarthy, after the winner was announced.

McCarthy, the mighty atom of Melbourne Soccer Club, had a great season. His twinkling feet delighted spectators and had much to do with keeping a moderate side out of relegation trouble.

It was a great night, beautifully staged by Rothmans in the tradition established four years ago.



Melbourne S.C.'s Ian McCarthy, who ran a clear second in the voting for the Rothmans Gold Medal.



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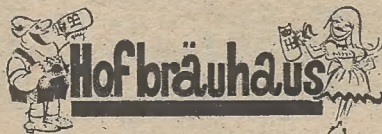


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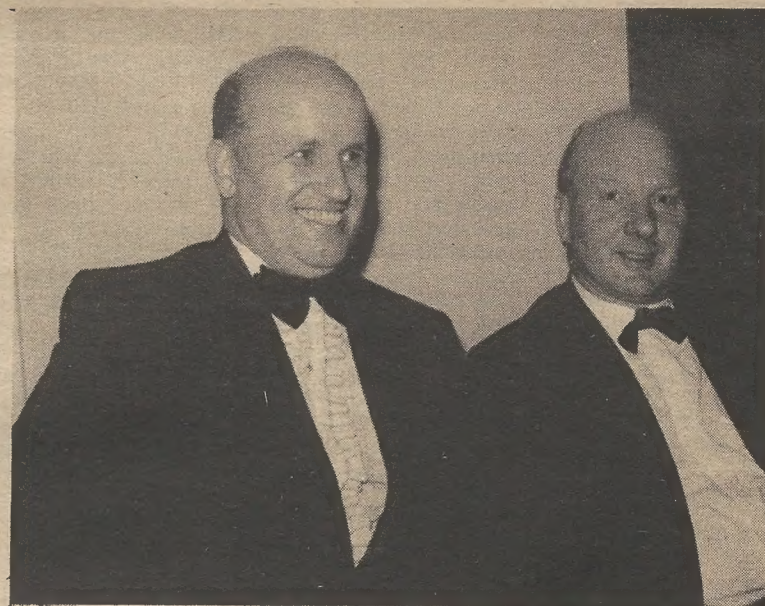
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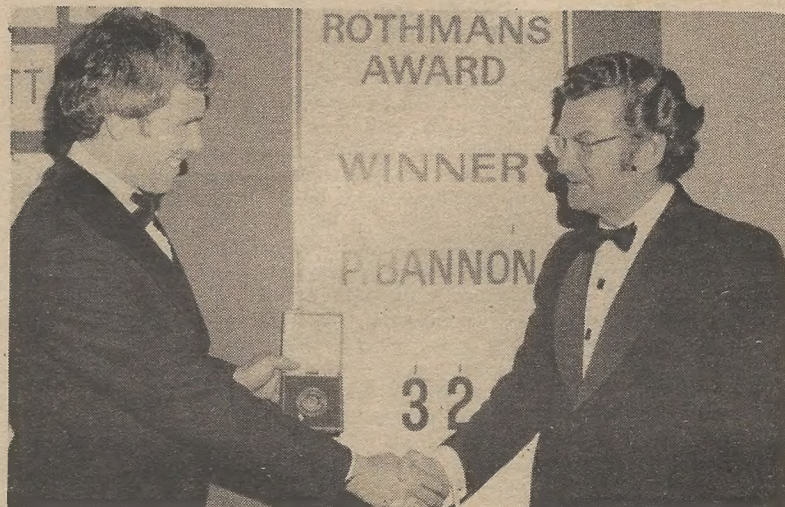
Top table at the Rothmans Presentation Dinner (left to right): George Wallace, V.S.F. Sec., Sir David Hill-Wood (Past President V.S.F.), Eric Heath, Vice-President V.S.F., Michael Weinstein, Chairman V.S.F. Board, Theo Marmaras, President V.S.F., Chief guest Mr. R. J. Hawke, Victorian Manager of Rothmans, Mr. Barry Shepherd, Mr. Tom Burns, Vice-President V.S.F., Tony Kovac, Chairman State League, Vic Manson, Board Member and John Barclay, Australian World Cup Team Manager.



As the votes indicate that Pat Bannon (centre) is heading for the Rothmans Medal, brother Vince (right), and ex-Fitzroy United Alexander centre forward Jim Mangopoulos show their delight.



V.S.F. Secretary George Wallace (left) at the Rothmans dinner, with former V.S.F. President Sir David Hill-Wood.



Smiling Pat Bannon shakes hands with Bob Hawke, as he displays the Rothmans Gold Medal in front of the board showing his winning total of votes.

CATS CORNER (INSIDE THE GAME)

MIKE O'HARA,
SLAVIAS GOALKEEPER
DELIVERS THIS WEEKLY REPORT.

Many Alexander supporters contacted me during the week regarding the omission of the Bannon brothers from my Victorian Selected team. The reason that I did not include the gentlemen concerned was because earlier in the week I had been informed that neither of them would be in Australia at the time of the fixture. So there it is my friends a simple answer to your questions!

Mike Pye was another player left out and this time the reasons were purely tactical. Pye relished the fast overlap and against master strategists like the Poles, his breaks would leave gaps which would be exploited to the fullest. Apart from which when he had made a couple of breaks the cover would be on and his talents nullified.

Wilhelmina are fast developing into a top class footballing side. They are always a good side to watch and play clever one-two continental style wall passes. The fact is that Wilhelmina have always been a club with tremendous individual talent but they have never been able to produce consistent results. Their major weakness is apparent whenever you take the field against them. The lethargic almost "just another game" attitude is clearly visible. In other words the players are too casual in their approach to the game. This situation has faded over recent weeks and having seen them "run amok" with Alexander in last week's Dockerty Cup Semi Final, it seems that Wilhelmina have at last overcome their worst enemy, "themselves".

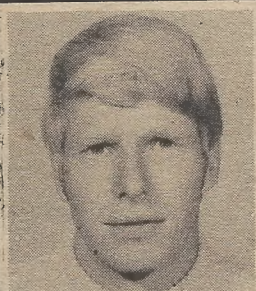
Special praise to Freddie Bunce, the ex English professional whom I had the pleasure of playing against when he was at Watford. Freddie is a perfect example to the younger players, his drive, cool head and Robin Hood accuracy is a great stimulus to his teammates. Freddie deserves the Wilhelmina best and fairest for his completeness on the park and his sheer professional approach to the game. Garry Cole is the most underrated player in the team, but I feel sure that Cole is contributing to this. Cole is the "gentle giant" and strikers cannot succeed with this attitude, his mild manner is a sure sign that he will only do things "sometimes". Take some advice Garry, lose two stone, and practice with an athletic club to get that extra yard and be the "rough guy" this summer. Next March you will find yourself in a class of your own. You have the ability to be a "great player", it's up to you!

Alexander supporters in East Bentleigh went around the clubs on Sunday night last week and collected \$3,757-19 cents. They came to my home in Waverley and said, "Mike if you want to play with Alexander next

season, this money is yours". Much as I would have liked to take them up on the offer I was restrained by my girlfriend who thought some trickery was afoot! The follow up was a few bottles of the amber fluid, a whole lot of Greek music and a very good evening was held by all. The boys were obviously very upset by the fact that Alexander had been annihilated by Wilhelmina the same afternoon.

It is my opinion that Alexander are by far the most exciting team in Victoria, but they lack a coach who is able to penetrate into individual players' minds and make them do what he wants them to. On paper Alexander are unbeatable, but they just have not done what they promised to do earlier this year. For their supporters I have the greatest sympathy for they are the best group of fans any club could want. They are very emotional and would do anything for a club player! They have been let down badly and now the chips are really down for they have obtained the services of the Victorian version of "Sir Alf Ramsey," namely Tony Boggi (the man in the raincoat). Tony amuses me greatly whenever I observe him during a game. He sits alone, quietly drawing on his cigarette and looking across the field like a lonely gull searching for its mate. Boggi will be on trial at Alexander in the sense that if he is worth anything as a coach, Alexander will win a trophy next year. The man has the opportunity to put himself on a level with Rale Rasic (Australian National Team Coach) for gaining success. I for one will look at Alexander's results with great interest next season.

The life in Australia must be hard on the new Slavia arrivals for within weeks of arriving Charlie Murphy the Englander has retired from soccer and taken up bowling. Murphy was spotted by "Hawkeye" the Toorak Times special agent playing alongside 3 teammates, all of whom are



retired gentlemen and well into their eighties! When confronted Murphy backed off saying, "Well y'know its the end of the season and a blokes got to keep fit." No sooner has he made his return to the "green" when who should emerge from the clubhouse was another Slavia player. There was no mistaking him in the socks he stands, six feet four inches! It was Steven (Stretch) McCombe the Slavia Sweeper and wait for it, "Victorian Squad Player"! Credit to both Slavia players however for they looked really lovely in their all white strip. All that was needed to complete the group was, Billy "Legs" Whiteside in his shorts. The above facts are quite true and both players concerned are members of the St Kilda bowling club.

Albion Rovers the team which if correctly handled has the potential to be a State League team next season failed this term in its bid for top bracket soccer. Albion have their own social club and a very good backing from the Sunshine Council. All that is needed is a top Sweeper and two forwards who can finish punishingly. Albion's goal average showed clearly the lack of goal power in their front line. All the teams who finished above them had mammoth goals scored totals!

Having seen some Womens' Soccer matches it is quite astounding to me to see girls and women trying to play a game which some of them are totally unequipped for! The majority of them are totally unfit and therefore are in danger of doing permanent physical damage to their bodies, because of the placement of various muscles during game situations. Apart from this the girls lose their femininity and take on grotesque appearances as they jostle and fall in their quest for the ball. Some of the "lady" goalkeepers I have seen would be more suited to, "peeling potatoes" for at least when they drop the potatoes they would fall into the sink and not the net. Whoever trains these girls needs a course on 'the dangers of injuries and implication of same'. There are many outlets in Victoria for healthy young women to follow and they would be far better suited for games such as basketball, hockey or athletics. These sports do not entail the same physical contacts as does soccer.

Strangely enough I have not seen one woman soccer player whom I would term feminine. The femoral pressure placed on the legs is something that "leaves me cold" I am afraid. We do not need womens soccer, this is carrying "womens lib"

too far!

No doubt the women are unaware of the dangers involved and this of course shows that they are non academics.

Any boy who is aged between 12 and 18 is hereby invited to continue his fitness program with me at the Moorabbin Athletic club in Rowans Road, Moorabbin on any Sunday at 10 a.m. Athletics is a sport which will keep you in peak condition and maintain your fitness for the opening of the season in 1975.

What of 1975? Which teams will field new faces? Youngsters like Cummings of Melbourne and the like. Not many I imagine. In point of fact there are numerous postages being booked over in Britain right now! Clubs are afraid to give the young players the "blooding" they need because supporters would stay away and valuable money would be lost. What is the solution? Why not ask Mr Eric Worthington the new Australian adviser, after all that's what he's getting paid for! This is another problem which has never been looked at! On reflection it astounds me how the administrators in Victoria and particularly the A.S.F. ever get into these "cushy" jobs for "Joe the blacksmith" could do what they do, and get paid less for doing it.

Marko Fode the Hellas goalkeeper is playing some "sterling" games for the club and I advise Marko to continue playing, for despite his age he is as agile as anyone in the League and leads the game brilliantly. Make Harby the Juventus goalkeeper never ceases to amaze me, everytime I watch him play he always brings off at least one "out of this world save", yet next week my colleagues inform me that Harby was at fault. He must save all of the good stuff up for me.

The following statistics show in my opinion who did the most for their clubs "in between the sticks" this year.

The eleven state league keepers are shown in order of merit. (I have of course not included myself).

1. Ziggy Szalinski (Polonia) conceded 27.
2. Marko Fode (Hellas) c. 23.
3. Henry Posnanski (Hakoah) c. 28.
4. Jimmy Milisalevic (JUST) c. 24.
5. Lou Ivanoff (Mooroolbark) c. 29.
6. Morgan (Melbourne) c. 34.
7. Lou Kastner (George Cross) c. 31.
8. Mike Harby (Juventus) c. 33.
9. Nick van Egmond (Wilhelmina) c. 34.
10. Con Economides (Alexander) c. 32.
11. Fred Schul (Austria) c. 50.

Szalinski was a most consistent player and from reports and what I saw had some international displays. Szalinski can be upset easily as I proved when we played them at Maribyrnong. This however does not stop

him displaying his unusually fine agility and daring. In pure ability, Szalinski in my opinion is the best keeper in Victoria. Consistent displays of course are the final

determining factor when it comes to goalkeeping. Szalinski should be in the Victorian team together with Marko Fode as they are the form players. This is what makes

Tony Boggi's Victorian Team so hypocritical! The players who represent Victoria should be the players who have been the best during the current season.

THE CAMPBELLS ARE COMING !

BY FRANK CAMPBELL

Fitzroy United players, apart from the Bannon brothers, must all be feeling quietly dejected. According to the referee's vote for the Rothman's medal, there are only two good players in United's team, the Bannon Bros. They received 53 points from a possible of 66 points.

According to those statistics Donacie Gibson and the village idiot himself Giland may as well hang their boots up. I think it's about time referees started taking notice of ability rather than how well-known a player is. I'm not saying the Banon Bros. haven't the ability, it's quite the opposite, in fact, I think they are both first-class State League players, but let's be fair about dishing out the credit.

'ACTION' NOT WORDS

In his speech at the Rothman's Best and Fairest Award, Mr. Hawke stated that he would do all he could to HELP Soccer in Victoria,

and that if there was anything he could do, let him know. I only hope the V.S.F. was listening and take advantage of this statement to retrieve the Soccer Pool's money which will be going to promote Australian Rules, and establish a fund for the promotion of Soccer especially in the school's for that's where our supporters are, but they don't realise it yet. I'm sure every player and supporter is waiting on a positive result.

Pahran Slavia's Tony Harris has had an offer of Player Coach with a Sydney 1st Division Club.

RINGWOOD

If John Van Hoboken's

PRAHRAN'S MATCH OF THE YEAR

Peter Rico Richardson Promotion Manager of Prahran City S.C. has succeeded in arranging a pre-season friendly with Prahran Slavia. As both team's are of British Stock they will be split into two teams England via Scotland. Each player will donate \$10 into a kitty. The winners will receive their money back, but the losers will pay for the beer and hospital bills, ambulance, etc. See you next week.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir: On October 3, 1974, I handed down my resignation as President and Chairman of the VWSA. As this decision has come very suddenly I feel that it is necessary to explain the circumstances that led to my resignation.

With my considerable

experience in soccer administration and my valuable contacts in the media and the VSF, I was able to, decisively help the growth of this Association.

Unfortunately I have recently encountered strong opposition to my own ideas as to the further progress of the Association to such extreme effect that my opinions and decisions were opposed and even defied by individuals on Committee level.

In the interest of the Association I demanded

the resignation of this individual, the name of whom I do not wish to disclose, and I therefore had no other alternative as to hand in my resignation.

I can assure you that I deeply regret this extreme step but I, unfortunately, could not see any other alternative.

I hope that a worthy successor can be found in order to continue the rapid build-up of the organisation.

F. H. HABBE
(former president and chairman, VWSA)

DAVID JAMES INTERVENES



Throughout the Soccer season, come rain or sunshine, Soccer Week photographer Graham Tie attends Metropolitan matches, club presentations etc., to bring our readers graphic pictures. Last Saturday, he was due at Middle Park Stadium in the afternoon and Brighton's Golden Jubilee presentation dinner at night.

For once Graham was missing. Already the father of a cute little girl, Rachel, Graham was in the process of becoming a father for the second time. His wife, Joan, seen here with new arrival David James, presented Graham with his son at 9.20 p.m. Saturday, October 12.

Shall we have a Soccer player, Soccer referee, or

Soccer photographer? Only time will tell, but the odds are that this is one dinky di Australian who will be involved in the Soccer scene, somewhere.

We are happy to report that mother and son are doing very well and that father Graham survived the ordeal.

ON SIDE WITH STEPHEN KALUS

BOB HAWKE was Guest of Honour at Rothmans dinner and presented to Pat Banon Rothmans Gold Medal for the best and fairest state league player in the 1974 season. Pat won the medal from Ian McCarthy of Melbourne, David Baker (Hakoah-St. Kilda) and John Howie (Pahran Slavia).

The ACTU president, when addressing the audience said that if there is a winner in sport it is soccer which could become the No. 1 sport in Australia.

Mr. Bob Hawke also said that he is willing to help and solve the international problems Australian soccer is facing at present.

xxx
SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS MADE HISTORY winning last Sunday for the first time ever the DOCKERTY CUP. Playing superior soccer in the first half the Greek team completely outclassed Ringwood-Wilhelmina, scoring four first class goals, which was enough to win the Cup. Wilhelmina was

fighting desperately to reduce the score, but the very reliable Marko Fode in Hellas goal made again miracle saves and capitulated only once.

In winning the 1974 double Hellas should be congratulated — they played good soccer all around the season and their president Sam Papasavas will have his fingers crossed when the team will play for the State League Cup. The Greeks are playing so well in every department that I am predicting Hellas to take out this season a treble-a unique in the history of Victorian Soccer.

xxx
RALE RASIC CAN BLAME HIMSELF for not being reappointed the national coach of the

Socceroos. After the Munich World Cup finals he continuously clashed with the ASF executives. I believe Rasic was involved in a financial dispute with Sir Arthur demanding more money for his services to ASF and our National Team.

Eric Worthington, our National Director of Coaching, will look after the Socceroos and get them together after the local season in all States will be finished. There is no hurry as the Asian tour is off and also our participation in the Kings Cup tournament in Bangkok is cancelled by the ASF.

The first international game the SOCCEROOS will have will be against THE POLISH TEAM LKS (LODZ) at the end of January.

xxx
SOCCER FANS CAN EXPECT FOUR MORE ACTION PACKED WEEKS of soccer when top state league teams will clash in the State League Cup which will start on Sunday at Middle Park.

In the first round Footscray-JUST plays Fitzroy United and South Melbourne Hellas clashes with George Cross.

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16 TEAMS WILL PARTICIPATE in a festival cup soccer competition this Saturday. The organisers — the Frankston Festival Association — invited the following sides to take part: S.M. Hellas, Hakoah, Melbourne, Albion Rovers, Frankston City, Dandenong City, Brighton, Rosebud, Langwarrin, Ringwood City-Wilhelmina, George Cross, Preston Makedonia, Frankston Pines, Doveton, Chelsea, and Mornington. The six-a-side competition will be played at Frankston Oval. Kick off 10 a.m. Grand Final 5 p.m.

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NORTH CARLTON WON THE HARRY ARMSTRONG CUP defeating Hakoah-St. Kilda reserve team 3-2. The Greek sponsored club surprised the Middle Parkers with fast enterprising soccer and fully deserved the win. Melbourne under 16 team defeated Hakoah-St. Kilda 4-0 and won the under 16 competition.

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BEFORE THE START OF THE DOCKERTY CUP FINAL Jim Armstrong collected a thousand dollar cheque which he won as a top state league goalscorer. Jim was also presented

with the Bill Fleming medal as the player of THE YEAR, which he won at the Soccer Press Association function.

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LOOK HOW MUCH MONEY IS POURING INTO SOCCER! South Melbourne Hellas for taking out the 1974 ROTHMANS FLAG received a cheque for \$3,000, runners-up George Cross, \$1,500, JUST \$900, Fitzroy United \$650, Hakoah \$250, and Slavia \$200.

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ANOTHER POLISH I DIVISION CLUB WKS LEGIA (WARSAW) is willing to tour Australia next year. ASF got also offers from top

Czechoslovakian clubs another practice game, but with several new names in it.

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ALBION ROVERS WON THE FEDERATION CUP beating Frankston City 2-1. Clark and Pryde scored for the winners and Bobby Adamas for Frankston.

xxx
VICTORIAN SQUAD HAD THEIR FIRST TRAINING LAST WEEK, but Tony Boggi wasn't too happy after the training. Too many players were missing and the squad names by the Victorian coach a fortnight ago will soon have



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SYDNEY SOCCER SCENE

BY JACK DANIELS AND OSCAR BROWN

The 1974 Sydney Soccer season has ended and this has been one season where no team really dominated the proceedings.

Honors were evenly divided with the standard of football probably the highest for many years.

Although crowds were down the World Cup had much to do with this as most of the Socceroos were from Sydney clubs.

The 1974 Honor List: The Ampol Cup — APIA; the premiership — HAKOAH; the championship — ST. GEORGE; the Rothmans Cup — CROATIA.

Here is a run-down on the performances of the Sydney teams in 1974.

HAKOAH — manager-coach Dave Maclaren. Honors: Premiership — winners, Grand Final championship — runners-up. Had a good season until they hit the Sydney Sports Ground for the Grand Final series and the Rothmans Cup. Maclaren welded his team into a professional looking combination. Unfortunately some of his younger players did not measure up to standard. An attractive footballing side who at times lacked midfield domination. A mixture of overseas and local talent should make them into strong contenders for honors next season again.

APIA — manager-coach Tom Anderson. Honors: Ampol Cup winners, Premiership runners-up. Showed on many occasions that they were the best footballing side in Australia. But from a bad goalkeeping problem that was never resolved they would have won everything in Sydney. They were also the fittest team in Sydney and were the only total-football playing team. To think that his all happened in the first year in the construction of a newly built team, makes the future very, very rosy for Apia, although the departure of Anderson could have a big effect in the moral and motivation of the team.

ST. GEORGE — player-coach John Warren. Honors: Sydney Championship winners, Rothmans Cup runners-up. After what looked was going to be a disastrous season John Warren brought his team back on a wing and a prayer to grab the Sydney Championship with what can only be described as a magnificent effort. There is class all the way in this team with just about every player having or will represent Australia. Although they changed their style somewhat from recent years the Saints still went marching in and as always produced the goods.

WESTS — manager-coach Les Scheinflug. Honors: nil. Known as the Sydney millionaires, Wests were probably the most disappointing club of the season along with Pan Hellenic. Many

players were imported from Britain and a great number of these players proved to be sub-standard. Wests' unsuccessful year cost them over \$100,000 and to spend this money and not get a trophy on the trophy shelf could make club members very unhappy. Les Scheinflug will have to do some more team building for next season's campaign.

SAFEGWAY UNITED — player-coach Peter Wilson. Honors: nil. Another club with a very disappointing season. They started very well with Socceroos Wilson, Max Tolson and Adrian Alston leading the way in a very exemplary manner. However after these three players returned from Germany with Alston wanting away to Luton and Tolson with a broken foot, Safeway slid to the depths of despair. Peter Wilson tried hard to stop the slide but he found that his reserve power was way below strength. New players are needed for next season.

PAN HELLENIC — manager-coach Rale Rasic. Honors: nil. Spent a fortune and got nowhere fast. The new players that were bought simply did not measure up and the Greeks had yet another barren season. The world cup call on Rasic could have been the reason for Who will be the coach of the club next year is debatable as Rasic has his name linked with Apia. Whoever it is has a big job on their hands as it is no secret that the players have not been happy all season and it is a disgruntled camp one way or another.

CROATIA — coach Rex Foster. Honors: Rothmans Cup winners. Came good with a late burst to win the Rothmans Cup. Looked good for part of the season and then would look as bad the next part. Lack of reliability and consistency is their biggest problem. They have an abundance of good players and in coach Foster they have a methodical coach. But to keep their place up amongst the big boys the consistency factor must be obtained one way or another.

AUBURN — coach Joe Marston. Honors: runners-up Ampol Cup. Auburn looked set to be going to have a good season early in the part. However they never really recovered from their 9-1 Ampol Cup hammering by Apia and this seemed to produce an inferiority complex in their players. Since then the club has hit bad times with money as short as water in the desert. If they are forced to sell their better players to make ends meet next season Auburn could be in

a lot of trouble. One of their biggest problems this season was a decided lack of fitness on the part of one or two of their players.

SUTHERLAND — coach Jimmy Livingstone. Honors: nil. Had one of their best seasons ever and finished up in the middle of the championship table when everyone had written them off as relegation fodder. Much of this credit must go to Livingstone who motivated his young local players to height that they may never reach again. Always a bunch of triers this Sutherland team can be very proud of their performances and if one or two better players can be signed during the close season they could well repeat the act next season.

MARCONI — player-coach Ray Richards. Honors: nil. Gave their supporters the fright of their lives with the worst season in the history of the club. Problems that developed early in the season were never solved and the team played like a branch blowing in the wind with guidance and leadership looking to be missed. One thing in their favor is that they have shown to have many good and bright young players on their books but it is getting a blend of these youngsters and some experienced players that

has been their problem. If they are going to improve next season their remedy will have to be found.

YUGAL-PRAGUE — coach Steve Dacevski. Honors: nil. One of their worst seasons ever with the team never firing all cylinders at any time. There is much experience and good footballers in their ranks but a noticeable lack of discipline on the field was shown. With the team not pulling together on the field there was no way that success was going to be achieved by Yugal-Prague. What must happen now is that a strong and forceful hand must be shown to the players and in the setup of the club this looks impossible so it could be as you were for next season.

CANTERBURY — coach Laurie Hegyes. Honors: nil — team relegated to second division. The berries came up into the first division from the second division like lions and went out as meek as kittens. They just had not the class or the players to do well in the big-time. Coach Hegyes and the club committee tried hard but lack of finance made their job an almost impossible task. It looks very doubtful if Canterbury will be seen again in the Sydney first division for a very long time.

By JACK DANIELS

Although the possibilities of the formation of a National Soccer League of Australia in 1975 is a very doubtful commodity many of Sydney's leading clubs are still very much in favor of it and have not given up hope of it happening.

Intense lobbying and discussions are still going on in Sydney Soccer circles and it is felt now is the time to get down to business.

The opposition it seems comes from clubs that fear the consequences of being left out of the competition and some officials in the State Federations who fear a drastic loss of their influence if the semi-profession of the games goes national.

The insular Victorians are on record in saying that they are not interested in the formation of a national league as they say the game is going so well down there at the moment to take any drastic steps.

This is sheer and utter balderdash. Surely the game would go much better with a national league to brighten up some of their ever so dull telecasts.

What is likely to be nearer to the truth is that the Victorians are afraid — and rightly so, that their Soccer is just not up to the class or standard of the Sydney big-timers.

Certainly the game in

Sydney has a long way to go but in Melbourne it has even further.

There is no denying that there is an abundance of talent in Victoria as their stars now playing in Sydney have proved, but let's face it when these players were in Victoria there were only average and yards slower both in thought and speed than their New South Wales counterparts.

Yes indeed, Melbourne officials say they do not want a national league and really no one can blame them, for they would be out of their class in a national set-up and it seems they realise this only too well!

It would take courage to start a national league and it seems that in New South Wales, South Australia, Queensland and Newcastle there are plenty of administrators and teams with "guts" and the know-how to get a national league started.

But this would be impossible with teams from Melbourne, a place it seems where the only COURAGE comes in bottles and cans!

By JACK DANIELS

English first division club Stoke City (pictured) are a team that have loads of courage. Victorian Soccer officials should write to them and obtain their formula!



The Sydney "find" of the season was Apia's former Victorian representative John "Casper" Wallace. At Apia Wallace has been learned to tackle and pace out his game for 90 minutes and he is now twice the player he was during his days with Melbourne HSC in Victoria. Here Wallace (left) shows all his class in sending a Wests player the wrong way in a recent match.

It seems almost a certainty that a leading South American club team will play against the "New Socceroos" in Sydney in June next year.

The New South Wales Federation are expected to put a limit on tours by overseas clubs in the coming season of 1975.

And this will mean that probably Manchester United and Botafogo of Brazil will be the two top teams to come and display their talents to the Sydney fans.

This would be a good choice as both teams have a box office appeal and they are both well-known to the Sydney footballing followers.

United have been in Australia on tour before and needs no introduction.

Unfortunately Australia has not had the pleasure of entertaining the Botafogo club.

This great South American club was founded in 1904 and plays in Rio de Janeiro at the General Severiano stadium.

They play in black and white striped shirts with black shorts.

Their honors so far are winners of the Rio de Janeiro League in 1907, 1910, 1930, 1932, 1933, 1935, 1948, 1957, 1961, 1962, 1967,

1968.

Founder members of the Rio de Janeiro Metropolitan league championship in 1906. Botafogo have throughout the years remained well to the fore in this tournament.

Even if their challenge has not always been rewarded with trophies they have always been the main challengers for honors.

However they made up for this with a remarkable string of successes in the 1960s winning four league titles, the Guanabara Cup in 1967 and '68, the Brazil Cup in 1968 and the Sao Paulo - Rio de Janeiro league in 1962, 1964, 1966, and 1968.

The modern Botafogo de Futebol e Regatas dates from the fusion between the old Botafogo Football club and the club de Regatas Botafogo in 1942.

The footballers had been going since 1904, began by a group of youngsters who two years later were representing the state of Rio de Janeiro against Sao Paulo state and winning 2-1 with a

side whose average age was only 15.

But the usefulness of the founder members paid off in the following years.

In 1907 they shared the second place in the Rio de Janeiro championship with Fluminense and three years later won the title outright.

Further success was 20 years away, but in the intervening period the club grew in stature as one of Brazil's most fashionable clubs, gaining an influx of wealthy members and an attractive colonial-style clubhouse and stadium. When the next league championship was won in 1930, it was with a strong team able to win the title again in a few years while still amateurs.

(Brazil adopted professional football in 1932.)

In 1935, when Botafogo joined the professional ranks they signed the great Leonidas da Solva, who thus became one of their first colored players and were rewarded with their fourth league title in six years.

But the next season Leonidas moved on again, and Botafogo had to wait until 1948 for their next major success.



By this time through a merger with a rowing club, Botafogo had become a great sports and social club with an ever-increasing membership.

And the infusion of the funds enabled the founding of a first class nursery and coaching system that was to pay great dividends in the coming years.

In the 1950s such outstanding players such as Nilton Santos and Garrincha emerged, and under manager Joao Saldanha, who

strengthened the club with such purchases as Quarentinha, Didi and Amarildo, the elusive league title was won in 1957.

Further purchases such as Zagalo in 1959 and the return of Didi from Real Madrid in 1960, gave Botafogo one of the most talented sides in Brazil, as their championship wins of 1961 and 1962 aptly illustrated.

And when this great side disintegrated it was only a matter of years before another batch of youngsters including

Paulo Cesar, Jairinho, Roberto and Rogerio, led by Gerson who was bought from Flamengo in 1963, pushed Botafogo to the fore again.

In 1967 Zagalo became the manager of the side and when he left them in 1970, Botafogo had written yet another chapter of success into their history books.

This brilliant side would be an even greater success in Sydney than former Brazilian visitors Santos and Cruziero.

By JACK DANIELS



If Botafogo of Brazil pay a flying visit to Sydney in June of next year they are certain to have their colorful goalkeeper with them. This character believes in dressing up in mod gear as shown in a recent game in Brazil.

Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs made good use of the wind to take out third position in the 1974 Rothmans Cup defeating Western Suburbs 2-0 at the Sports Ground on Sunday.

Centre-forward Joe Fletcher netted two second half goals — one from the penalty spot — as his team played a close passing style to outclass Westerns.

Fletcher's first goal came from a well-taken spot kick after Ajenor Muniz was fouled in the 65th minute.

Six minutes later, Fletcher capped a right wing offensive to net again from close range.

Former international John Watkiss stayed up front for Hakoah after coming up in place of Kevin Mullen to exploit the breeze.

He went close to scoring without quite being able

to find the net.

Hakoah's winnings total \$1900 for the series with Westerns settling for \$1500.

ROTHMANS CUP FINAL

South Sydney Croatia 1 (Smith), b. St. George 0 at Sydney Sports Ground. Crowd: 5718.

Playoff for third: Hakoah Eastern Suburbs 2 (Fletcher 2), b. Western Suburbs 0.

By JACK DANIELS

Woman's Soccer is becoming a very popular game in Sydney with many members of the fair sex donning boots and jerseys and getting into the fray.

Whether or not this is a good thing is debatable as many Soccer experts think that women's lib is OK but this is stretching it a bit too far.

But despite this the fillies are turning a deaf ear and their newly formed competitions are booming to an all time high.

So much so that they

are at present in training for a tilt at the World Women's Cup Championships to be held in Asia next year.

This women's boom has however stirred up quite a bit of interest in the physiotherapy profession and blokes with freshly printed physiotherapy qualifications are offering their services by

the score to the women's teams!

Although it is nice to see the women get out into the open and take some exercise this is really a bit of a joke.

Football is and always will be a men's game and it is one sport that should not be desecrated by the fair sex.

So girls, by all means have the occasional game, but as for taking it serious, forget it!

By OSCAR BROWN



All bum and boobs as Sydney's women Soccer players throw themselves into the fray!

The shock resignation of Apia coach Tom Anderson rocked the Sydney Soccer scene last week.

After having an ultra successful season with the Leichhardt team, Anderson was expected to sign the new contract the club offered him and move into the second stage of his blueprint for success with the Apia club.

But that was not to be and as has happened many, many times before in Sydney Soccer the unexpected happened.

The blow-up between Anderson and Apia occurred last Monday when Anderson was finalising plans to take his team to Brisbane to meet Queensland champions Brisbane City in a challenge match.

After the game and at their own expense Anderson and his team had planned to spend a few days lazing in the sun on the Gold Coast before returning to Sydney.

However when an official of the Apia club heard that the team was going to Brisbane to play Brisbane City he used all his authority and had the tour cancelled.

The reason was that this official knew that previously in the season Apia had not been able to accommodate Brisbane

club Azzuri to a game.

And he said if Apia could not go and play against the Italian sponsored Azzuri they certainly were not going to be allowed to play against Brisbane City.

And it was because of this that Anderson and his players were not allowed to make the journey to Brisbane.

When Anderson was informed that this was the reason he immediately resigned and he then informed the Apia official that Azzuri and Brisbane City were in fact the same club!

Seemingly not so long ago the Queensland Federation deemed that all ethnic clubs changed their names and Azzuri changed to Brisbane City!

And it is this biggest booboo of 1974 that cost the club one of Sydney's best coaches.

Apia will find it very hard to replace this blunt Scot as he had the unquestionable loyalty and complete respect of his players.

Apart from his success on the playing field this year, Anderson has saved Apia \$20,000 in running costs from what they operated in 1973.

Hundreds of South Sydney Croatia supporters invaded the field to chair their team round the field after the side had deservedly defeated St. George 1-0 in the Rothmans Cup Final at the Sports Ground on Sunday.

For Souths it was their first major win since entering the New South Wales First Division in 1963.

A crowd of 5718 saw fullback Greg Smith score in the 73rd minute when he skewed a high ball into St. George's net.

The decisive goal came after St. George's midfielder John McDonald had brought down South's skipper, John Doyle 30 metres out of goal.

Doyle's free kick was passed square to Smith on the right wing whose kick swirled into goal as St. George keeper, Jim Fraser went up to punch it clear.

The game sprang to life in the second half after an eager but unskilled earlier session.

It was sheer grit and team work that carried Souths to victory.

Right winger, Doyle and mid-fielder Maurice

Sullivan were in superb touch.

Derek Smith revelled in the hard going although it was the only cup match of the five played by Souths in which he failed to find the net.

St. George's luck failed them in the second half when Brendan Grosse scored only to find Harry Williams ruled offside.

To top it all Doug Utjesenovic hit the bar with ten minutes remaining.

The ball deflected downwards and raised a cloud of chalk from the goal line without crossing the line for a goal.

Four minutes into the game St. George's Neville Morgan all but swamped South Sydney goal keeper Ron Corry with a superb ground level shot from more than 25 metres out.

After 30 minutes Souths lost the services of injured centre back, Frank Brady.

Brady's appearance

And to think that this was done after Anderson had raided Melbourne and bought his bright young stars Bobby McGinn, John Wallace and John Kennedy, also Scottish first division defender Ken Jenkins from Dumbarton and Auburn star Billy Rogers.

He completely rebuilt the Apia team and had one of the best club sides in Australia in the making.

Rumour now has it that to fill the vacuum left by Anderson Apia will now try and engage Socceroo boss Rale Rasic when he returns from overseas.

But it is very doubtful whether Rasic can get the best out of "Mac Apia" the team that Anderson built.

Certainly if they do employ Rasic, Apia can forget about saving \$20,000 in 1975!

Immediately after he announced his resignation Anderson was besieged with offers from Sydney first division clubs clamoring for his services.

However what his immediate future is it is hard to tell and he seems to be playing his cards very close to his chest.

When I asked him his

plans this week Anderson told me that his immediate plans were to try and get his golf handicap down at his club "Bonnie Doon", and all that he was interested in doing was to enjoy himself playing golf.

Although his work as leading soccer writer with the Daily Mirror and the Australian and resident Soccer commentator with Channel 9 take up much of his time, it is hard to see Anderson withdrawing from an active part on the Sydney Soccer club scene.

One of Anderson's last acts at Apia was to invite his players for a farewell drink after he had told them of his resignation.

Every member of the first team pool attended the party which amply shows the loyalty he commanded at the Apia club.

Anderson might have left Apia and his plans are in the balance, but somehow I have a sneaking feeling that this tough, no holds barred Scot, who does not suffer fools gladly, will be back at the helm of some team chasing the honors next season.

By OSCAR BROWN

Former Apia boss Tom Anderson who shocked the Sydney Soccer scene with his surprise resignation last week is the most wanted man in Australian Soccer at the present time, with clubs queuing up for his services.



had been in doubt due to an injured left ankle but he was forced to leave the field after a knock to the knee.

Replacement Tony Dickinson immediately settled in but was later

replaced by a forward, Bogdan Duma who was brought on when Souths coach Rex Foster apparently thought he could afford the luxury of another man up front.

By OSCAR BROWN



Hakoah's brilliant goalkeeper Martin Coe has been the hero of the Sydney Sports Ground in the last few weeks during the Rothmans Cup and Grand Final games. Here young Coe — a certain international of the future brings off a great save from St. George striker Terry Smith.

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PAT BANNON WINS ROTHMANS MEDAL

By JOHN MARTIN



Pat Bannon (Fitzroy United) with Mr. Bob Hawke, president of the Labor Party at the Rothmans gold medal award presentation. Left to right: Mr. Theo Marmaras, VSF president; Mr. Tony Kovac, chairman of the State League; and Mr. Michael Weinstein, chairman of the VSF.

PAT BANNON'S Rothmans gold medal win for 1974 in Victorian soccer is unique. Never before in Australian football history have two brothers won the top football medal two years in succession and according to my records brothers have not won a top football award in any code of football.

First player to congratulate Pat on Friday night at Rothmans headquarters, at Port Melbourne, when VSF secretary George Wallace announced that Pat had polled the winning 32 votes, was Ian McCarthy, the Melbourne forward. Ian, who finished runner-up on 26, rushed over to shake Pat by the hand. It was a sporting gesture by a great little player who said afterwards "The best man won. Pat is a terrific player."

Pat Bannon, like his brother Vince, who won the award last season, has been an inspiration to Fitzroy United Alexander. The Bannons brothers have helped lift the team from the bottom of the ladder where the club had been for years until the Bannons arrived.

Pat also won the GTV9 \$3,000 car for the best and fairest player of the year given by soccer writers' votes and published in The Truth each week. Ray Barotas, the Truth's soccer writer, was responsible for compiling the votes each week.

Surprise guest at the presentation was Sir David Hill-Wood, a former Victorian Soccer Federation president, who is now living in England and was in Melbourne on a two-day business trip.

He said he was hoping to return to Melbourne "because I prefer to live here than in England." He also told the gathering not to forget the juniors. They are the future of the game, he said.

Guest of honor Bob Hawke, president of the Australian Labor Party, said "Out of all the many invitations I attend in the year, none has given me greater pleasure than to attend this Rothmans soccer gold medal award presentation.

"Your sport was once called a sissy sport. But not any more. Not only have you won in establishing yourselves but you have been part of the success of our immigration program.

"I think the evidence of your success came this year when our Socceroos were involved in the World Cup in Germany and they were playing for Australia. Everyone sat up and watched them on their TV sets.

"If there is one winner in sport in Australia it is obviously soccer and if there is anything I can do to help you, please let me know," he added.

Mr Theo Marmaras, president of the Victorian Soccer Federation, said there was one thing Mr Hawke could do for soccer on his travels overseas. He asked him to try to get Australia into the Asian Soccer Confederation to help the Socceroos with their preparation for the next World Cup finals in 1978.

Mr Marmaras said if Australia would not do better in the next Cup they would do equally as good as they did in the last one.

Mr Marmaras thanked Rothmans for their presentation which in its fourth year has now become the function of the year in soccer throughout Australia.

The first presentation was held in 1971 when John Gardiner of George Cross won it. John won it again the following year and in 1973 Vince Bannon, of Fitzroy United Alexander won the award.

The leading in the voting were: 32 Pat Bannon (Fitzroy); 26 Ian McCarthy (Melbourne); 24 David Baker (Hakoah); John Howie (Slavia); 21 Jim Armstrong (Hellas), David Pye (Ringwood City), Vince Bannon (Fitzroy).

SOUTH Melbourne Hellas proved they are Victoria's top team on Sunday when they soundly beat Ringwood City 4-1 to win their first ever Dockerty Cup final.

Hellas have won the State League championship six times since they joined the big league in 1961 but they have never been able to take off the premier knock-out competition until now.

The way they went about their win was magnificent. There is no doubt Ringwood City was the team to beat to prove Hellas were worthy champions. Only a week before Ringwood made quick work of Fitzroy United Alexander in the semi-finals of the Cup who until then were considered to be one of our top teams.

On Sunday, Hellas showed who were masters. When the first goal came after six minutes the writing on the wall for Ringwood.

The way Ian Marshall went about scoring it was a work of art. He picked up the ball in a group of Ringwood defenders, beat four of them and then dribbled his way past Nick van Egmond, in Ringwood's goal.

It looked so easy but it was the Marshall we've watched all season — the Marshall who has helped Hellas go through their league commitments with only two defeats.

Jim Armstrong, fresh from his \$1,000 cheque presentation by Mr Simon Whitmore, general manager of Courage Brewery on HSV7's World of Sport, came into the act seven minutes later when he worked closely to Nick Nechvoglod and between them made goal No. 2.

Nechvoglod passed back to Armstrong who was waiting in a good scoring position to hammer in a shot which van Egmond failed to hold.

Seconds later Ringwood's Brian Thom was booked by referee Jim Dixon after he had cautioned him for rough play.

Thom had it coming to him. He was going in

hard, perhaps with a little too much enthusiasm, but Dixon refused to let it pass a second time. A little later Thom clashed with John Daperis and the Hellas player was carried off the ground.

Phil Williamson, the prolific Ringwood winger, was running his heart out on the right wing. But he was getting no where fast. John Bedford had him well covered.

However, Williamson did manage to break through on one occasion and from a point-blank range shot, he brought out the best in Marko Fode when he made a gallant save with his right hand pushing the ball out into play.

In the 42nd minute, Jim Armstrong put a through ball to Andrew Savage who cut it back, unselfishly, to Rick Nechvoglod. Nick saw the open space in the corner of the net and hammered the ball into the spot. Van Egmond didn't see it coming as it crashed into the back of the net.

Hellas kicked their last and final goal — to the delight of the Hellas supporters — a minute from half time. Savage passed to Peter Bourne who was well placed and he booted it hard past Van Egmond again to put the South Melbourne team in a winning position.

As the Hellas players walked off the field with a 4-0 lead it looked all over — and it was for them. Only a matter of playing out time as the pace of the game slowed and the players began to tire as usual with all our games in Victoria. The pressure was telling on our part-time professionals but they had done their job — the four-goal lead was a winning one.

The duels between Gary Cole and the Hellas rearguard of Steve Walker, John Bedford and Jim Pirzas were interesting.

Only once did the Ringwood attack break through but Pirzas was there to stop it. When Fode was beaten — and out of position — Pirzas came across at great speed to cut off Mike

Lynn's avenue to goal. Lynn lined up the shot after a pass from Ringwood's fast-moving winger Chris Kent but he didn't get time to put the boot to it — Pirzas made sure of that!

I found it difficult to understand why Hellas coach Jim Margarettes took Peter Bourne off and replaced him with Ulysses Kokkinos as the Greek super star did nothing. It would have been better to keep him on the sidelines and let Bourne, the goalscorer, play the game out.

As for Ringwood, they tried to win but their effort was not good enough for a team which had lost only two of its State League games this season. It will be a long time before we see such a fine Hellas team again. I for one had my money firmly placed on the Hellas boys but I didn't expect them to win by such a big margin.

Ringwood were not good enough. They were worthy Dockerty Cup finalists as they proved by soundly beating Fitzroy United but Hellas are a different proposition.

I feel this Hellas side is ready to take on any team in the country and beat them. They are good. Make no mistake about the eleven players. Everyone of them plays a full 90 minutes and they seem to play much harder when the opposition is tough.

After the game Hellas president Mr Sam

Papasavas said it was very thrilling for him to see his club win both the league championship and the Dockerty Cup. "I am very happy that I have been associated with the club for this successful season," he said.

"We have come out on top financially and we are now very stable. We hope to go to Hobart early next month for a game with one of the leading clubs. But we still need a few new players for next season.

"I have already issued a challenge to Hakoah in Sydney to play them but they haven't taken it up as yet. We hope to play Alexander at least twice again before the end of the season and there is a good chance that we could meet them in the final of the State League cup. These games always draw the biggest crowds and we are looking forward to playing this side again.

"I think our success this year should be attributed to firstly the attitude and the type of players we have this year, the attitude of the committee and the hard work put in by members of the committee and Johnny Margarettes, although it is his first full season, he has proved that he's a capable coach. "At the end of the season our committee will vote for our club player of the year and it will not necessarily be John Armstrong," said Mr. Papasavas.

THIS IS HOW THEY LINED UP

STH MELB HELLAS

- 1 Marko Fode
- 2 John Bedford
- 3 Jim Pirzas
- 4 Ian Marshall
- 5 Steve Walker
- 6 Peter Bourne
- 7 John Daperis
- 8 Nick Nechvoglod
- 9 Andy Savage
- 10 Jim Armstrong
- 11 Ron Smith

(Replacement — Ulysses Kokkinos for Peter Bourne)

Referee —

RINGWOOD CITY

- 1 Nick van Egmond
- 2 Mike Pye
- 3 Dick Ward
- 4 Dave Garthwaite
- 5 Benny de Bruyckere
- 6 Bobby Smith
- 7 Phil Williamson
- 8 Brian Thom
- 9 Gary Cole
- 10 Mike Lynn
- 11 Chris Kent

(Replacement Clive Mullett for Phil Williamson).

WATCH THE JUNIORS!

JUNIOR Soccer has made fantastic progress during 1974.

Mr. Vic Manson, chairman of the Junior League Management Committee, said this at the annual meeting held at Olympia Room, Swan Street, Richmond, last week.

He said: "Australia's participation in the World Cup series created an unprecedented amount of parent interest in soccer, so much in fact, that many junior clubs were inundated with enquiries from parents who wanted their sons to learn and play soccer.

"This created a tremendous amount of extra work for the Junior Administration of Victoria who, I may add, rose to the occasion magnificently. Making sure that any boy who wanted

to play soccer was not disappointed.

"Never before has Junior Soccer in Victoria passed through a period of such sweeping and rapid changes, it is envisaged that as the junior game expands out of Melbourne, other regions will be added to the structure.

"There is no substitute for victory, and progress such as ours, in a VFL orientated atmosphere, is victory indeed. I am sure the year 1974 could be looked back on as 'the

year of the great leap forward.' Only a few years ago it would have seemed incredible to suggest the idea that Junior Soccer would be played in so many areas under one centralised controlled administration.

"The appointment of a full time coach by the VSF to assist soccer on a wider field in the future must be helpful to Juniors, provided his knowledge is channeled in the right direction, and I strongly recommend that as soon as his appointment is confirmed he meets the J.L.M.C. for guidance pertaining to Juniors in Victoria, and also any associated problems that may be envisaged.

"It has been made known to me that over 2,000 teams are playing Junior Soccer in Victorian Schools. The people responsible for these teams have stated that they wish to become part of the official soccer scene, and I believe that an early meeting should be the first practical step towards this object.

"With the future still in mind, I believe that before the start of next season, we must see the following achieved.

The establishment of a J.L.M.C. office at Soccer House, staffed by a permanent or part-time female employee, where all records pertaining to Junior Soccer Administration are kept safe and fire proof.

The availability of a Junior Year Book, which would be comprehensive, giving all information on Juniors. This would be most advantageous to any person desiring a quick reference to Junior locations.

"It is ridiculous to think

that an organisation that creates and spends over a quarter million dollars per season does not have an established and efficient means of identity. Much of the costs could be defrayed by advertisements. My opinion is that the above two requirements are a top

priority and action must be implemented as soon as possible to see that they are established — tomorrow may be too late.

"Finally, I must mention one particular member of the J.L.M.C. "The indefatigable efforts of our Secretary, Mr E. Barrett, to ensure the success of the new centralised structural reorganisation, and at the same time "run" the administration of the J.L.M.C. is most commendable.

"It must not be forgotten the amount of time, effort and ability put in by him to ensure a complete and efficient co-ordinated system, and it is to him that we are indebted for ensuring the system worked," said Mr Manson.

By JOHN MARTIN



STARS OF THE FUTURE! THEY COULD VERY WELL BE FUTURE WORLD CUP MATERIAL - BUT THEY NEED SUPPORT

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NEW AGENT for Hakoah Ajax Sports Club soccer pools is Mrs. Nita Kino who can be contacted on 848-4016, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

Readers interested in becoming sub-agents or wanting pools coupons should contact her.

ALBION ROVERS won their first ever Cup final since they were formed in 1963 when they took out the Federation Cup on Saturday.

Their supporters — about 300 of them — made more noise than their team won than the 10,000 crowd which saw the Hellas — Alexander match this season.

BILL PAPOUTSAKIS, the Frankston City goalie, gave a first-class display of goalkeeping in the Federation Cup on Saturday.

WHAT has been the secret of Ringwood City's success? We asked coach Trevor Owen. "The lads have worked well. They won a couple of games and they realised they are the best team in the

league. There is no doubt about that — when they are moving Ringwood are the best team in the league.

"There is not a team in Australia that on the day, Wilhelmina couldn't beat. The players are enjoying the game more now and this is a big thing.

"Take Mike Pye. He's a raider. I'm not going to say 'alright Mike you stay back'. I let him go. This is the way a full back plays. He plays his own game," said Trevor.

HELLAS celebrated their Dockerty Cup win at the Retreat Hotel, Sydney Road, Brunswick, on Sunday night.

POLONIA coach Mike de Bruyckere is taking his team to Brisbane on Friday for a game with Brisbane City club. They will return on Sunday

night. **THE City of Frankston Festival Cup** will be played at Frankston Oval from 10 a.m. next Saturday. The final in this six-a-side competition will be played at 5 p.m.

Rothmans have given the prizemoney of \$500 and the Festival Cup to the winners, \$150 to the runners-up and trophy and \$50 and trophy to third placegetters.

Clubs taking part are — South Melbourne Hellas, Melbourne, Albion Rovers, Frankston City, Dandenong City, Brighton, Rosebud, Langwarrin, Ringwood City Wilhelmina, George Cross, Preston Makedonia, Hakoah St Kilda, Frankston Pines, Doveton, Chelsea, Mornington.

Admission is \$1 for adults and 40 cents for children.

MELBOURNE UNDER 12's played their last game under coach Brian Radcliffe on Sunday. Brian is being transferred by his firm to Hobart, in

Tasmania. The boys gave Brian a farewell present by beating Melton 2-1.

But the win didn't matter. Most of the lads were bitterly disappointed when they heard Brian, an Englishman from Liverpool, was leaving them. They had just become to know him after his recent arrival from New Zealand and he was beginning to mould the team into a championship side. He had big plans for the team next season and he was well liked by the boys.

Melbourne under 12's have had a bad spell with coaches coming and going over the past two seasons. Now once again they have been left on the sidelines. But there is hope. Bill McArthur, the former Croatia captain and Melbourne junior coach, said he would be returning from Sydney for good next December and if they were still without a coach he'd offer his services. Good on you, Bill!

WILHELMINA goalkeeper Nick van

Edmond's wife was upset on Sunday when one of our Sunday newspapers referred to her husband as "Dick" instead of "Nick". For the record, it should be Nick. Please note all Melbourne soccer scribes.

BILLY MCCARTHUR back in town during the weekend. He watched the Federation Cup and also the Dockerty Cup.

Billy will be back in Victoria for good from Apia-Sydney next December to play for one of our State League clubs. He hasn't made up his mind which club to join but knowing Jimmy, he's sure to join the strength.

RINGWOOD CITY WILHELMINA will be holding their annual ball at the Bird and Bottle restaurant, Croydon, on Saturday evening. We understand it is going to be a great night for the Dockerty Cup runners-up.

HOW many fans at the Dockerty Cup final saw Hellas goalie Marko Fode looking like a Chinese coolie after the game on Sunday?

Marko was so excited with the club's win he ran round the Park with the Dockerty Cup lid on his head!

ONLY four more weeks to go for the end of soccer for season 1974. The four weeks of the State League Cup will wind it up for the year — and what a year it's been with all the awards and the increase in crowds.

PENALTY DRAMA IN REPCO CUP Hardy Spicer battled its way through to the final of the REPCO CUP with a lone penalty goal scored by Eddy Kane early in the first half against PBR Industrial at "Little Wembley" in Clayton last Sunday.

PBR can blame nothing but themselves for losing this match as they had equal opportunities, and in fact should have equalised, also with a penalty. But Drago Kurjan's shot was saved by Hardy Spicer keeper Brian Cornell in brilliant fashion.

In the other semi-final PBR "A" landed a 2-0 victory over Repco Clutch.

In this game referee Jim Brennan send off a clutch player midway through the 2nd term with the result that the whole Repco Clutch team left the ground "PBR "A" therefore will face Hardy

NEXT Sunday at Middle Park JUST play Fitzroy United in the opening State League Cup game followed by Hellas v George Cross. As none of these are being televised we should see some of the biggest crowds of the year at Middle Park for this series.

The second week's round is — George Cross v Fitzroy United and JUST v Hellas.

The third week's games are — George Cross v JUST and Hellas v Fitzroy United.

The fourth week will see the final when the top two teams in the two groups will play off for the Cup. The curtain raiser will be the District League Cup final.

BRIAN EDGLEY, the Mooroolbark captain-coach, may be applying for the Hakoah St Kilda club coaching job but it looks odds-on that Bill Curran, the successful under-16 State coach will take over next season.

JIMMY DAPERIS gave a great display for Albion Rovers against Frankston City in the Federation Cup final, at Middle Park, on Saturday.

He and his brother, John, had a great weekend of soccer. John was one of the stars of South Melbourne Hellas' Dockerty Cup win over Ringwood City, at Olympic Park, on Sunday.

ONE of the big mysteries of Olympic Park is the

Spicer in the final next Sunday.

In other matches Lorimier defeated Super Seals by three clear goals, PBR "B" had a 5-2 win over Repco Universal.

Results of preliminary rounds: Hardy Spicer 5 PBR "B" 4

PBR "A" 2 Super Seals 0 PBR Industrial 3 Repco Universal 0

Lorimier 1 Repco Clutch 3

In the final for the loser's cup PBR "B" will meet Lorimier.

As already reported last week the Industrial League looks like extending into a further division. Clubs interest to join the League should write to the Secretary, 54 Edwards Rd., Lilydale or

difficulty Pressmen have in obtaining the official attendance figure every time there is a game there.

Last Sunday was typical. A Pressman asked at 5.10 p.m. for the attendance figure and was told "It won't be known for at least another half an hour." What kind of an organisation are they running at Olympic Park? Footy reporters don't have the same problem at VFL matches.

If the official gate figure of 6,565 takes until 5.40 p.m. to be known, what chance have the press of getting the gate figure for an international match when there are 20,000 present.

If we work on the same average, it will be midnight before they are told — if at all! It's not good enough, Mr. Pollard!

THERE is talk that the Ringwood City players chosen for the State squad — and one of them is newboy Chris Kent — will not be released from their club to train for a month.

It is known that Mr John van Hoboken, the club's president, is anxious to give his team a month's rest now that the season is finished.

But Tony Boggi, the state coach, may not accept them if they do not train next week. He said he was asking all the players he's chosen to join the squad, for the big game against LKS of Poland at Olympic Park next January, to train every Wednesday night.

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Mr Bill Fleming, a former Melbourne soccer writer presenting the Bill Fleming medal to Jim Armstrong (Hellas) for winning the Player Award of the Year.



The Harry Armstrong Reserve Cup. Photo: Peris Photo.

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE CHATTER

By FRED HADDE

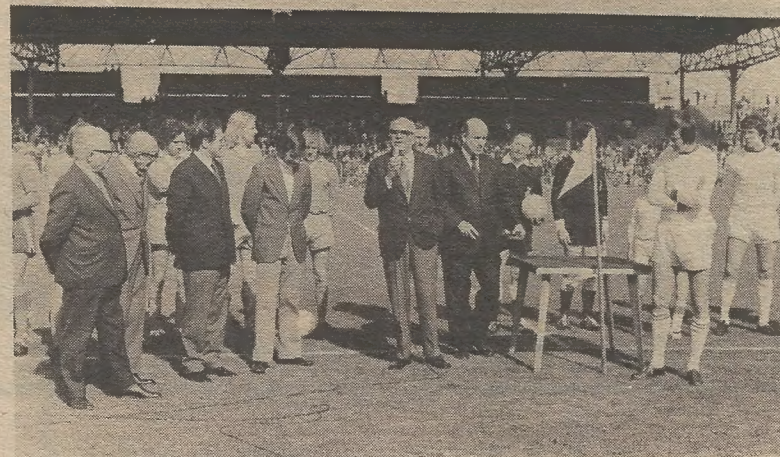
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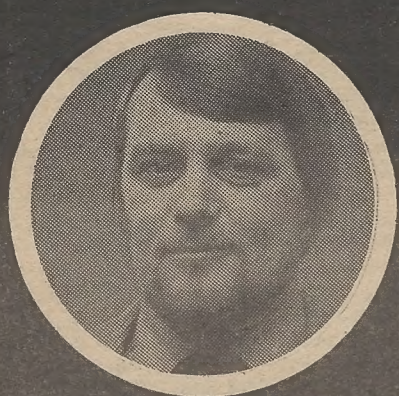
presented by Courage Public Relations Manager, Alan Webster.

Mark Clarke won the Best and Fairest trophy of Kodak United. Ray Langdale came second and Bobby Keenan third.



Presentation of the Fleming medal to Jim Armstrong (Hellas) before the Dockerty Cup final on Sunday at Olympic Park. Photo: Peris Photo, South Yarra.

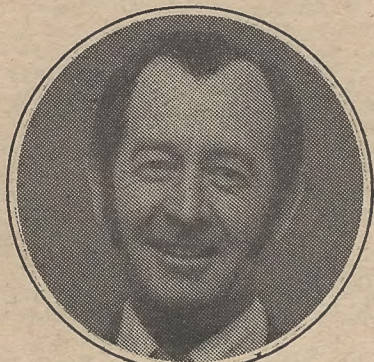
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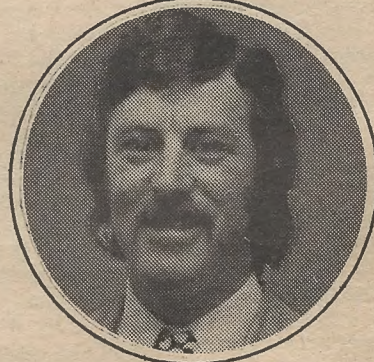
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Everton	11	3	3	0	8	5	1	3	1	7
Middlesbrough	10	2	2	1	7	5	3	1	1	7
Stoke	11	3	3	0	11	5	2	0	3	5
Newcastle	10	4	1	0	9	4	1	2	2	8
Sheffield United	11	4	1	0	8	3	1	2	3	8
Derby County	11	3	2	0	12	6	0	4	2	6
Burnley	11	2	0	3	10	10	3	1	2	10
Wolves	11	1	3	1	8	7	2	2	2	5
West Ham	11	3	1	2	16	9	1	1	3	6
Carlisle	11	2	1	3	2	4	2	1	2	6
Coventry	11	1	3	1	7	8	0	1	3	6
Leeds	10	3	1	1	9	3	0	1	4	5
Leicester	10	1	3	2	5	5	1	2	8	12
Queens Park Rangers	11	1	2	3	5	7	1	2	2	4
Luton	11	1	2	3	5	7	1	2	2	4
Birmingham	11	2	1	2	6	8	0	4	2	5
Chelsea	11	0	2	3	3	9	2	1	3	2
Tottenham	10	2	0	4	8	9	1	2	3	5
Arsenal	10	1	1	2	6	4	1	1	4	3

SECOND DIVISION										
Manchester United	11	4	1	0	13	3	4	1	1	7
Sunderland	11	3	2	0	10	2	3	1	1	8
Norwich	11	5	1	0	11	2	0	4	1	2
Aston Villa	11	4	1	0	16	2	1	3	2	4
W.B.A.	10	3	2	1	9	4	1	2	1	3
Blackpool	11	3	2	1	9	4	1	2	2	5
Hull	12	1	4	0	4	3	2	2	2	4
Fulham	11	3	1	2	12	4	1	2	2	4
York	11	2	3	1	8	5	1	2	2	4
Nottingham For.	12	2	2	2	9	6	2	1	3	6
Notts County	11	2	4	0	7	5	0	2	3	9
Oldham	9	4	0	1	7	5	0	2	2	4
Bris. City	9	2	2	0	4	1	1	2	2	4
Bris. Roy.	10	3	2	1	7	4	0	2	2	8
Orient	11	1	3	1	2	3	1	3	2	4
Oxford	10	2	0	2	5	7	1	3	2	4
Bolton	9	3	1	1	7	2	0	1	3	2
Southampton	11	1	4	1	7	7	1	0	4	7
Portsmouth	11	1	2	1	6	6	1	2	4	6
Millwall	12	3	1	2	7	5	0	1	5	2
Sheffield Wednesday	11	0	3	3	5	9	1	2	2	4
Cardiff	10	0	1	3	2	5	1	1	4	4

THIRD DIVISION										
Blackburn	10	6	0	0	11	3	1	2	1	3
Preston	12	5	1	0	14	4	1	2	3	6
Colchester	11	4	1	1	11	5	1	3	1	6
Crystal Palace	11	5	0	1	15	7	2	0	3	3
Watford	12	3	3	0	10	6	1	3	2	7
Swindon	12	4	2	1	11	6	1	2	2	9
Walsall	11	4	1	0	13	2	1	2	3	7
Southend	12	5	0	1	13	4	1	1	4	1
Charlton	11	4	2	0	14	7	1	1	3	4
Petersboro	10	3	2	0	6	2	1	2	5	8
Wrexham	10	2	2	0	8	4	2	1	3	9
Bury	12	2	2	1	6	2	2	1	4	5
Chesterfield	11	3	1	1	7	4	0	4	9	13
Plymouth	12	5	1	0	12	4	0	6	5	15
Hereford	12	4	1	2	13	4	0	1	4	2
Port Vale	10	2	2	0	3	5	0	3	5	10
Bournemouth	9	2	1	1	4	2	0	3	4	7
Tranmere	11	3	1	1	7	3	0	2	4	5
Brighton	11	3	3	0	9	5	0	5	1	13
Aldershot	12	4	0	3	12	10	0	1	4	2
Halifax	12	1	2	2	7	8	0	3	4	6
Gillingham	11	1	3	1	4	4	0	2	4	5
Grimsby	10	2	1	3	10	8	0	1	3	2
Huddersfield	9	2	0	2	6	4	1	0	4	2

FOURTH DIVISION										
Shrewsbury	11	3	1	2	10	3	3	2	0	12
Reading	11	4	1	0	13	4	0	3	0	7
Chester	12	6	0	0	14	0	1	1	4	2
Mansfield	10	3	2	0	8	3	3	1	1	8
Rotherham	11	2	3	1	10	7	3	1	1	11
Torquay	12	3	2	2	8	9	2	2	1	5
Crowley	12	3	1	1	6	3	2	2	3	6
Exeter	11	3	0	2	7	5	3	1	2	6
Northampton	10	3	1	1	12	5	2	1	2	8
Cambridge	12	5	1	1	17	5	0	1	4	1
Newport	12	3	1	1	7	3	0	3	4	7
Southport	10	4	2	0	15	5	1	3	3	6
Lincoln	12	3	2	2	8	6	1	1	3	5
Barnsley	12	3	0	3	8	6	1	1	3	5
Bradford	11	2	2	1	6	4	2	1	3	5
Rochdale	11	4	0	1	7	4	0	2	4	7
Bradford	13	3	2	2	10	11	1	5	4	11
Swansea	13	3	2	1	9	6	0	1	4	5
Doncaster	13	3	1	2	14	8	0	1	6	4
Darlington	9	2	1	1	6	5	0	1	4	9
Hartlepool	11	1	1	3	3	5	2	0	4	5
Workington	10	1	1	3	7	12	1	1	3	5
Stockport	12	1	1	3	2	5	0	3	4	5
Scunthorpe	12	1	1	3	2	5	0	3	4	5

scottish league

FIRST DIVISION										
Rangers	6	3	0	0	8	4	2	1	0	9
Celtic	6	2	0	1	11	5	3	0	0	9
Hibernian	6	2	0	1	5	2	2	1	0	8
Aberdeen	6	2	0	1	6	4	2	0	1	5
Dundee United	6	3	0	0	9	0	0	1	2	1
Airdrie	6	1	1	1	4	3	2	0	1	4
Morton	6	2	1	0	5	2	1	0	2	3
St. Johnstone	6	1	1	1	4	3	2	0	1	4
Dunbarton	6	1	1	1	4	4	1	1	1	6
Kilmarnock	6	2	0	1	4	6	0	2	1	3
Dunfermline	6	1	1	0	5	3	0	2	2	3
Dundee	6	0	1	2	0	2	2	0	1	2
Arbroath	6	1	1	2	3	6	1	0	1	2
Patrick 1	6	2	0	1	8	6	0	3	5	11
Motherwell	6	0	0	3	2	6	1	1	1	5
Clyde	6	1	1	1	5	6	0	0	3	0
Ayr	6	1	1	1	6	7	0	0	3	9
Hearts	6	0	1	2	3	7	0	1	2	4

SECOND DIVISION										
Montrose	10	4	1	0	12	5	4	0	1	8
Queen of South	10	4	0	1	15	2	2	1	2	9
East Fife	9	3	3	0	14	5	2	0	1	3
Alloa	10	1	3	1	11	6	3	1	1	8
Hamilton	7	2	1	0	6	1	3	1	0	5
St. Mirren	9	3	0	1	8	5	2	2	1	15
East Stirling	10	4	1	1	8	4	1	1	2	8
Stenhousemuir	10	2	2	1	8	6	1	3	1	7
Stramreer	10	3	2	1	7	7	1	1	2	4
Falkirk	7	4	0	0	14	2	1	0	2	3
Berwick	9	3	0	2	7	8	2	0	2	5
Stirling	9	3	0	2	9	6	1	1	2	5
Albion	9	2	1	1	11	5	1	1	3	8
Cowdenbeath	9	2	1	2	7	7	0	3	1	5
Clydebank	10	1	2	2	6	7	0	1	3	3
Raith	8	1	0	1	2	3	1	2	3	8
Brechin	10	1	1	3	11	14	1	0	4	5
Queens Park	10	0	1	4	3	8	1	1	3	9
Forfar	9	1	1	2	6	7	0	1	4	18
Meadowbank	9	0	0	3	1	5	0	0	6	2

THE BAYERN MÜNCHEN WITH LEN STONE FROM EUROPE

ORIENT banned their former chairman, Arthur Page. The board have written to Page, informing him that he is no longer welcome at the ground. This amazing move follows an incident after Orient's Texaco Cup match against Luton, at Brisbane Road on August 10.

Page and the new chairman Brian Winstone were involved in a heated argument in the boardroom.

I understand it was a personal row that got out of hand. An eye-witness said "I don't know what it was they were arguing about, but they had to be separated."

Page has not attended a match at Orient for several weeks.

His son, Max, is on the board.

Page, chairman for seven years, resigned last June. He was made the club's first Life President.

Germany during the World Cup though some press men told me the officials had no idea how to communicate with the press and T.V.

Perhaps the reason is that they don't speak the language though I was also told Rasic, our coach could be better understood in German then when trying to speak English.

They might have been teasing me with this story!

The man most in the news in Germany was Manfred Schaefer, a former German and iron man of the Soccerroos.

He had lost none of his German local dialect when being interviewed but much to everybody's surprise, the famous Sydney player's much advertised milk run plus a near Australian accent English made most of the news.

FRANZ BECKENBAUER, who led West Germany to World Cup victory this summer, was named the country's Footballer of the Year. The Bayern Munich star, who has won the title twice before—in 1966 and 1968—received 411 votes in a poll of 702 West German journalists.

The Germans are on top of the world as far as their soccer is concerned — so they think.

Of course they have players like the elegant Franz Beckenbauer but the English First Division is definitely stronger and more skilful at club level and the grounds have a much better atmosphere.

The German supporter is very critical of his own team.

At the drop of a hat he would start a whistling concert and chants of stop play can be heard quite often.

I wonder what would happen if they were taken seriously and the players did stop playing.

No doubt about it, Hamburg took the Soccerroos to their heart. In fact Australia was one of the most popular teams in

players can no longer regard soccer as a lucrative hobby and use the game to get rich quick without giving anything in return.

This will hit such players as Beckenbauer, Meier, Mueller and Hoeness particularly hard as they have business interests and a full list of appearance engagements which brings them in a great deal of cash, probably more than from soccer itself. However the real trouble is that these super-stars from Bayern Munich play at least two matches per week and close on a hundred games per year which is too much to ask of them.

Meanwhile the other and more famous Eintracht from Frankfurt thrashed Red White Essen 9-1 in front of their delighted fans in Frankfurt.

As a result of this sensational win, one of the highest on record, Eintracht Frankfurt go to the top of the ladder of the German Bundesliga.

The German Press was, much to my surprise, very much concerned about the Italian League matches and in particular, the match between crack team AC Milan and outsider Sampdoria which ended in a dull and scoreless draw before a big crowd in Milan's big stadium.

Naples is always in the news and no wonder. The Germans consider outside left Giorgio Braglia to be one of the most effective in the world.

His three goals, a superb hat-trick for his club Napoli against First Division newcomers Ascoli was ample proof of his ability to score goals and dictate the match.

Napoli won 3-1 and the dangerous Braglia also hit the upright with a tremendous shot from 30 metres which was shown on West German television.

To miss penalties is almost a crime in the highly sophisticated Italian First Division but three players, Cucurdu (Juventus), Rivera (Milan) and Boninsegna (Inter) were guilty of this.

ENGLISH SOCCER

By STEPHEN LUBOFSKY

NATIONS CUP

As I said last week, in this article I would like to discuss the Nations Cup, which is Europe's answer to the World Cup, but is played with countries only from Europe. This very famous competition which is played every four years has attracted a considerable amount of attention from countries who now regard this trophy as second only to the World Cup in status and honour.

It has only been going for 14 years and Russia, who then had the world famous goalkeeper Lev Yachin was the first winner in 1960. Then followed Spain in 1964, Italy in 1968, and West Germany in 1972. West Germany are of course favourites after winning the World Cup, only a short while ago.

In this article however, I would like to discuss England's and Scotland's chances in the nations cup. England are in Group 3 with Czechoslovakia, who Scotland defeated to qualify for the World Cup, Portugal and Cyprus. Scotland will be competing in Group 4 with Rumania, Spain, and Denmark. The England team manager, ex-Leeds coach Don Revie faces a very big problem in selecting a team of players that will have the confidence of British Soccer followers. It has been very noticeable, that since England won the World Cup in 1966, their soccer has gone down, in attraction. The only way the fans will be brought back would be to make their mark in this tournament, and to restore their confidence after England's elimination match with Poland, in which they were defeated.

Mr. Revie has to choose a squad of 22 players, and here is how I would go about it. Three goalkeepers have to be selected. My first choice would be Peter Shelton of Leicester City. Despite his bad form this season in my opinion he is still one of the best goalkeepers in Britain and has kept goal excellently for both club and country. My next choice would be that tremendous Q.P.R. goalkeeper Phil Parkes, who has collected Under-23 caps, but should not make his mark on the full international scene. Third choice is a difficult one, but I finally chose Ray Clemence, whose consistency and excellence in the Liverpool goal should earn him a place.

Next comes eight defenders, the supporters of the team. Firstly I would choose Mike Pejic, the hard and reliable defender of Stoke City, who has been on the verge of an England Cap for quite some time. Next I would have to choose the Derby County trio of Roy McFarland, Colin Todd, and David Nish, all of whom are extremely reliable and effective in stopping and scoring goals. I would then go for the Players' Player of the Year, Norman Hunter, whose hard tackling may

have bought some criticism, but in the end it proves to be extremely effective. The best allrounder in Britain, that's how I would class Leeds' Paul Madeley, who has played in every single position for his club, except goalkeeper! He is extremely fast, reliable, and can also score goals. My next place would go to Emllyn Hughes, the Liverpool captain, who I would also pick as captain of the team. He is a very inspiring leader, and an excellent example of player who always gives his utmost. Lastly I would give Kevin Beattie a place. A player who has been on the scene for not too long, many see him to be better than the late Duncan Edwards of Manchester United.

Next comes five midfielders. Firstly I would have to go for Leicester captain Keith Weller. He is also very inspiring, an extremely hard worker and will most probably get the No. 8 shirt. My next choice would be for Colin Bell of Manchester City. Although a very quite character his coolness, calmness and brilliance have resulted in many goals. My next player must go to Alan Ball, the fiery Arsenal midfielder. Despite receiving a broken leg last season he is back to his very best. His inspiration would do this team a lot of good. My next choice would go to the young Liverpool starlet Kevin Keegan, who has really made his mark since coming from Scunthorpe 3½ years ago. His speed, skill and finishing off will be a great asset for the team. Lastly I would select Tony Currie, who is more of an orthodox attacker, but whose brilliance never ceases to amaze me. His play for Sheffield United has earned him many admirers.

Next come the attackers, the goalscorers of the team. Without a doubt my first selection would have to go to Mike Channon of Southampton. This brilliant attacker, who has uncanny speed and skill, seems very likely to be a regular in this team. My next choice would go to the Leicester City No. 4 Frank Worthington. This very fine

player possesses a ton of skill and I'm sure Don Revie will recognise his fine performances for his club by calling him to the English Squad. My third place would go to Trevor Brooking, the very talented West Ham forward, who rarely misses a chance in front of goal. His skills last term helped West Ham from relegation zone. My next spot would go to Martin Peters, who I would choose as vice-captain. Only he and Alan Ball still remain from the England team of 1966. His consistency, inspiration, and his ability to "ghost" through defences to score goals has and will keep him in the English team for some time to come. Fifth place would go to the Newcastle goalscoring dynamo, Malcolm MacDonald, "Supermac". His incredible scoring feats and speed fool defenders everywhere. His 100 per cent trying would certainly give this team a boost. My last spot in the English squad would go to Trevor Francis of Birmingham City. Despite City's lowly form he constantly scores goals, and has been a Birmingham regular ever since the age of seventeen. He recently scored all three goals for City when they defeated Luton Town which goes to prove my point.

Well, that's my England squad, for the coming European Nations Cup. There are many other players who I'm sure you would like to include, but I'm afraid there's only room for 22. That's all for this week. Next week I will choose a Scotland squad and discuss more on the English League which is getting to be very interesting. Let's also hope that England open the Nations Cup with a convincing win against Czechoslovakia.

ANNUAL PRESENTATION DAY 13-10-1974

AT DONNYBROOK MINERAL SPRINGS

Fine weather and almost a 100 per cent turn-out by players and their families resulted in one of the most successful Presentation Days for the Club. Peter Crawley of "Soccer Week" was present and the committee expressed their appreciation to Peter for his support.

Following lunch for the club boys and the presentation of trophies, the spectators were entertained by a soccer match between the players and adults. The match was played in a sea of mud and water which made it quite a spectacular game. Nevertheless it was a hard fought contest which the adults won by the only goal — scored by none other than Peter Crawley.

AWARD WINNERS

Best and Fairest: Under 9, R. Brincat; Under 10, S. Palmer; Under 11, T. Contessa; Under 13A, C. Vella; Under 13B, G. Paola; Under 15, R. Stafrace. Runners-up and Best and Fairest: Under 9, D. Pace; Under 10, L.

Leaney; Under 11, P. Cicolani, R. Di Marco, G. Campbell; Under 13A, Mandragona, C. Polita, S. Stuart Bannister; Under 13B, T. Campbell; Under 15, R. Di Donato.

Most improved players: Under 9, A. Makowski; Under 10, A. Deguara; Under 11, C. Polita; Under 13A, R. Ukovic; Under 13B, M. Vogel; Under 15, R. Domenichelli.

Coaches' Encouragement Award: Under 9, C. Maltezos (coach F. Pace); Under 10, S. Chetcuti (coach B. Carpenter); under 11, G. Mandragona (coach A. Polita); Under 13A, G. Di Marco (coach D. Bannister); Under 13B, M. McDonald (coach T. Campbell); Under 15, F. Bonello (coach T. Stafrace).

50th Game Trophies: A. Carpenter, S. Ridout, E. Tabone, P. Montalto, M. Bartolo, M. Borg, M. Scilona, I. Strachan, P.

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Left to right: M. Sharp (team manager), P. Ridout (vice president), F. Pace (coach), P. Crawley (soccer week), Pat Contessa (president).

...Admiring trophy won by the under 10B team at Mossfield on Saturday 5th October.



Left to right: P. Ridout, F. Pace, P. Contessa, M. Sharp, P. Crawley (soccer week).

...Admiring trophy won by the under 10B team and the Soccer Balls presented by P. Crawley.

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